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AZERBAJDZHAN SSR REPORTS FIRST-QUARTER PRODUCTION RESULTS

The Statistics Administration Azerbaydzhan SSR reports the following data on the fulfillment of the first-quarter production plan. Gross production of Azerbaydzhan industry in the first quarter 1950 increased 8.5 percent over the first quarter 1949. Enterprises of individual ministries and departments fulfilled the gross-production plan as follows:

	Percent
Ministry of Petroleum Industry	93
Ministry of Chemical Industry	87
Ministry of Electric Power Plants	99.7
Ministry of Electrical Industry	90
Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry	106
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry	97
Including Republic enterprises	113
Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry	104
Ministry of Light Industry	103
Including Republic enterprises	104
Ministry of Fish Industry	87
Including Republic enterprises	85
Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry	73
Including Republic enterprises	72
Ministry of Food Industry	99.7
Including Republic enterprises	99.1
Ministry of Agricultural Procurement	85
Ministry of Local Industry	93
Ministry of Automobile Transport	87
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The following ministries, while fulfilling the gross-production plan, failed to meet the plan for the items indicated: Ministry of Construction Materials Industry -- bricks, lime, and cast iron; Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry -- matches; Ministry of Light Industry -- cotton fabrics, footwear, and hard leather goods.

The following trusts and enterprises fell considerably short of the first-quarter gross-production plan: "Kirovneft'," "Kaganovichneft'," "Molotovneft'," "Kergezneft'," and "Artemneft'" trusts, metal can plant, Alatavinskiye stone quarries, alabaster plant, Combine imeni Lenin, Sewing Factory imeni "26 komisarov"; the Yalama, Khudat, Khachmas, Divichi, Kyzyl-Burun, and Nasosnoy fish-processing plants, the Fish Combine imeni Kirov and Sarinskiy Fish Combine; Baku Meat Combine; "Azmasloprom" Trust, "Azhlebtrest," caramel factory, Baku Brewery, nonalcoholic beverages plant, grain mills No 1 and 2, and Rice Mill No 1.

The first-quarter plan for production of chief industrial goods was fulfilled as follows, in comparison with the first quarter 1949:

	1st Qu 50 Plan in %	1st Qu 50 in % of 1st Qu 49
Petroleum	96.7	102
Electric power	100.4	109
Pump piston rods	100.5	125
Caps for well casing	93	122
Core bits	100.7	123
3-blade chisels	98	93
Deep pumps	100.1	110
Balancing machines	96.5	129
Transformers	101	105
Sulfuric acid	104	138
Caustic soda	85	104
Cement	62	71
Brick	51	145
Lime	67	92
Radio receivers	21	62
Cotton fiber	112	106
Woolen fabric	100.4	72
Cotton fabric	89	103
Silk fabric	98	118
Hosiery	93	114.5
Knit outerwear	50	75
Knit underwear	90	120
Hard leather	93	118
Artificial leather	100.2	122
Footwear	90	124
Meat	48	74
Sausage	102	138
Fish catch	80	107
Butter	127.5	177
Vegetable oil	101	120
Macaroni products	100.1	109
Confectionery	101	118
Canned goods	92	57.5
Beer	84	91
Cigarettes	96	135
Salt	100.5	146

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Compared with 1949, field work is progressing satisfactorily. As of 30 April, there had been the following increase in agricultural work in comparison with the same period of 1949: plowing for 1950 spring crops 17 percent, planting of spring crops 38 percent, including 32 percent for grain crops and beans, 38 percent for cotton, 26 percent for potatoes, 205 percent for feed crops; plowing of fallow for winter crops 127 percent, and tractor work in connection with plowing 40 percent.

MTS repaired more agricultural machines than in 1949, as follows: cultivators 30 percent, threshing machines 99 percent, and combines 104 percent.

The following rayons are foremost in the planting of spring crops: Pushkinskiy, Shemakhinskiy, Safaraliyevskiy, Kazi-Magomedskiy, Kasum-Izmaylovskiy, Agdamskiy, Ali-Bayramlinskiy, and others. Khudatskiy, Lachinskiy, Siazanskiy, Divichinskiy, Shaumyanovskiy, and Dzhebrail'skiy rayons are lagging seriously in planting of spring crops.

Railroads of the Republic completed 93 percent of the first-quarter plan for average daily car loading, including 82 percent for petroleum, 102 percent for construction materials and cement, 44 percent for salt, 122 percent for flour, 178 percent for grain, and 89 percent for cotton.

The first-quarter plan for retail commodity turnover was completed 97 percent, including 96.5 percent for retail turnover in the trade system and 99 percent for turnover in public eating enterprises. The plan was fulfilled as follows by individual ministries and organizations:

	<u>Percent</u>
Ministry of Trade Azerbaydzhan SSR	97
"Azerittifak"	90
Azerbaydzhan Fishermen's Consumer Union	77
URS of "Azneft" Association	110
Department stores	101
Special foods stores	102
Maritime transport trading enterprises	114
Office of Azerbaydzhan Railroad Restaurants	97
URS of Azerbaydzhan Railroad System	102
URS of Mingeaur GES Construction	101.5

In connection with the reduction of state retail prices on 1 March 1950, retail trade turnover in March increased considerably over February.

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